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REPORT To Our Readers - Owners

SHOULD KIDS STUDY?

The Board of Education of Solway, an incorporated village near Syracuse, N. Y., recently prohibited 116 high school seniors from entering a class subscription to the New York Times. The students each had volunteered to buy copies of the paper for use in a social studies course in "Problems of American Democracy."

The teacher of the class promptly handed in his resignation, effective at the end of the school year, saying that even if the board reconsidered he wouldn't withdraw the resignation.

"It's a matter of academic freedom," said the teacher. "Today it's the Times. Tomorrow it would be something else."

While it's true that academic freedom is involved in this case, even more important, in our opinion, is the implied restriction on the freedom of high school students to use their brains. For the board member who moved that the class subscription be banned said:

"The New York Times is a very good paper but a little too lofty for the average high school student."

The president of the board backed this attitude by declaring that while he himself reads the New York Times he felt the paper was "probably pitched at too high a level" for high school use."

THOSE TENDER BRAINS

This brings out in the open an attitude toward our young people which seems to be increasing. The poor young things, their brains are so tender we mustn't run the risk of over-exercising them. They might get cerebrally muscle-bound or mentally ulcerated, or something. Worst of all, they might get called egg-heads!

Odd thing about it is that when this country was younger, and we were supposedly a nation largely made up of rough and tumble pioneers, there was very little of this contemptuous attitude toward the cultivation of intelligence. Abe Lincoln was a lad living before the fire on the hearth learning how to read was held up as a model for youth. The founders of the republic were cited as men who knew their Greek, Latin, English, political history, and much else painfully acquired by candlelight.

LABOR MEN, TOO!

In the earlier labor movement, too, Sam Gompers was never ashamed to be seen with a tome under his arm. Man after man came up from the ranks by the route of hard study in evening schools or by a poor oil lamp in the bunkhouse.

But now that we have many books accessible, plenty of electric light, and, incidentally, the most informative daily world history on earth, namely, this same New York Times, we have a school board taking official action lest high school kids wreck their brains learning something about the problems democracy faces in this age of what Adlai Stevenson well calls perennial evil.

Nor is this because our kids are being persuaded to take scientific rather than classical studies, for Russia's beating us on educating kids in science. A lot more Americans than the members of the Solway school board had better wake up!

Ash Not Connected With That There Telephone!

Central Labor Council Secretary Robert S. Ash announced at that body's meeting Monday that next week he is taking one week of his vacation, since his children will be out of school during the Easter holiday.

Last year, he remarked, he stayed home and discovered that the telephone kept him occupied most of the time. So this time, he warned, he is going to be a long way off from the telephone.

OFFICIAL NOTICES

The following unions will find notices of important meetings called by their officers on page 2 of this issue of the Journal.

AUTO MACHINISTS 1546
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Auto Workers Pay Questioning Visit To Rep. Jno Allen

Vern A. Dias, recording secretary of United Auto Workers Fisher Body Local 333, says that five members of the local's Citizenship and Education Committee visited Republican Congressman John J. Allen of the 7th District at his home. The committee interviewed genial John on his position on several issues.

On civil rights Allen said he was basically a "States Rights" man. He at first said he wasn't in favor of the so-called Powell Amendment denying Federal funds to segregationist schools, but when the union committee told him Republican House Minority Leader Joe Martin had expressed approval of it, he said he'd probably vote for it. Later he again expressed doubts about it.

On the natural gas bill Allen said he voted for it, feeling the companies were at present unfairly discriminated against, and again citing his "States Rights" position. He said it seemed an abuse of Federal authority to control natural gas rates. When asked directly, he said the bill, if it hadn't been vetoed, would probably have raised rates to Bay Area consumers.

The Taft-Hartley Act Allen said he'd voted for, is still for it, and considers 95% of it good. He said he'd always favored exempting building trades hiring halls from its provisions.

Allen declared he opposed any attempt to raise personal exemptions from the present level of \$600 to \$700 or any other figure. Any reduction in taxes, he said, should be a percentage decrease in the tax rate, rather than exempting more income from taxation.

He opposed any form of public low rent housing, said Allen, particularly when on a Federal support basis. He had gone along with the present Administration's limited program because it was tied in with slum clearance. He added that as a "States Rights" man he could not vote, for example, for a housing program in New York because he knew nothing of New York's housing problems.

"We think this summary a fair representation of Congressman Allen's views on these important topics," said Dias. "Believing that they speak for themselves, we refrain from anything but a job of reporting. We hope others will add their comments and that our report will be of some assistance in labor's election campaign in the 7th Congressional District."

News Drivers 96 Just Tie and Tie!

When the votes for candidates start coming, they just keep on coming, judging by the recent experience of Newspaper, Magazine, and Periodical Circulators and Drivers.

At the local's meeting in January officers were elected with the exception of a vice president and a 2-year trustee. But for both these offices tie votes were cast.

So at the February meeting another tie was made. Tied again for both offices.

Once more, at the March meeting, the two offices went before the members. This time William Rayher, Tribune street sales agent for the Trib, by 85 to 58, Bud Herb Battle, Trib truck driver, and Bob Carruthers, home delivery circulator for the Richmond Independent, had again tied for the vice presidency, making it their third tie.

Now the two marathon runners for the vice presidency are going to test their respective strengths at the April 11 meeting—their fourth electoral collision.

Meanwhile, the following officers named in January have been in office:

President, Don White, Trib street sales; financial secretary and treasurer, Lee Agee, Trib suburban agent; business agent, Elton Bovey; recording secretary, Mike Kelly, Trib home delivery circulator; executive committee members, Tony Costanzo, Russ Peterson, Bill Rayher.

Bob Taylor, Chauffeurs Agent, Recovering Fast

Robert Taylor, business representative, Chauffeurs 923, who was taken suddenly ill last week, and had a brief sojourn in hospital, was able to return home last Friday, and is convalescing.

Holmdahl Discusses With CLC His Vote On Police Unionism

Oakland City Councilman John Holmdahl, who was elected some 8 months ago with the strong support of organized labor, appeared unexpectedly and dramatically at the meeting of the Central Labor Council Monday night and discussed the vote he had cast in the City Council Thursday of last week against approval of policemen forming an AFLCIO union.

At first there was some protest against Holmdahl being permitted to speak, and after his address, in which he said he was not ashamed of the vote he had cast on the police matter, since it expressed his convictions, he was subjected to questioning in an atmosphere rather stormy for a time. CLC Secretary Robert S. Ash invited Holmdahl to remain through the meeting to hear the report made by Ash on the City Council meeting of last week at which the 8 to 0 vote against police unionism was cast, and Holmdahl did remain.

As a grand finale to a session full of tenseness, eloquence, and parliamentary moves and counter-moves, a resolution was adopted thanking Councilman Holmdahl for "having the courtesy and courage" to come to the meeting and discuss the matter. After the almost unanimous YES vote for this resolution, and a few NO votes were heard, there was a thunderous clapping of hands signaling their victory by those supporting the resolution.

COLLIERS RULING

During the course of the evening George Rice, Electricians 1245, made a motion which was adopted that the CLC secretary confer with attorneys for Local 1245 on the implications of City Attorney Jack Collier's ruling at the City Council meeting last Thursday. Collier held that if an administrative officer of the city ruled that the employees in his department had no right to form a union, there was nothing the City Council could do about it.

Rice pointed out that if this opinion stood, it meant that any petty tyrant in the city government could set up shop, and the City Council, presumably the policy making body under the charter, would be helpless.

"Suppose," said Rice, "the head of the city's Department of Electricity issued a ban against any employee of that department being a member of a union. Where would that put our Electrical Workers Union?" Still another aspect of the controversy over the police was brought up by Charles Garoni, Linoleum Layers 1290, who has kept very close touch with the whole police union development.

Garoni said that the so-called Police Reserve, made up of men "who are glad to work for nothing so long as they are given the chance to wear a badge and carry a gun," was something on which Police Chief Vernon set great store. Yet this group, said Garoni, was obviously one that might be intended to hold in reserve for use during strikes.

"A lot of those fellows in the Police Reserve," said Garoni, "would enjoy cracking the skulls of good union men." He said no union man should join the police reserve, and that it should be abolished. His points were referred to the executive committee for consideration and a report. CLC President John F. Quinn said that no group should be condemned without weighing of evidence and careful consideration.

ASH'S REPORT

Secretary Ash made a systematic and thorough report on the City Council meeting of last Thursday. He said that statement made to him by members of the City Council had made it seem that the police union might score a majority when the issue came up. Yet when it did come up, he said, after Councilmen Youell, Rilea, and Mayor Rishell had spent some time telling how much they loved labor, they voted against it, as did Councilmen Hoover, Holmdahl, Maggiora, Rossi, and Tripp, Councilman Grant being the only one absent.

Court rulings on police unions are now being studied by labor attorneys, Ash indicated, and in the meantime Ash and Dan Scannell, general representative of the AFLCIO State, County, and Municipal Employees, under the aegis of which the police had planned to form a union, constitute the CLC's committee on the matter.

The motion to block Holmdahl's appearance by demanding that he explain in advance what he wished to talk about was made by Joe Hightower, Carpenters 36, and seconded by

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Editor Sees An Employer In Action

If I ever saw an employer give his case away, and show to the world—if the world was willing to give heed—that what he very much needed was a labor union to check his rages, then I saw such an employer give his case away Thursday of last week in the Oakland City Council chamber.

The employer was Police Chief W. W. Vernon.

The advocates of a union for the police had spoken calmly, so did the members of the City Council speak with restraint and obvious tolerance for various points of view. But when the Chief spoke, it was plain that his turkey cock dignity had been infringed upon by what from his viewpoint is a bunch of lowclass people for whom he has nothing but contempt.

His voice rose to a high thin steamwhistle pitch, his throat worked visibly, his whole body shuddered with indignation. One could immediately understand, on viewing this spectacle of a temperament on the rampage, what City Councilman John Holmdahl meant when he said that he had talked to many policemen who feel that this man is pushing them around. As Holmdahl said, some way of presenting grievances without having your head chopped off, is badly needed in the Oakland police department.

Then there's the employer who faces the first attempt to organize his business, and who announces in tones of thunder that his people are "professionals" and therefore couldn't possibly join such a lowly creepy thing as a labor union. Well, this particular employer went through that routine, too.

Then also there's the employer who calls in all his yes-men of the upper echelons, the vice presidents and assistants to the president, and asks them what they think of a labor union invading their sacred premises. Believe it or not, this employer, Police Chief Vernon, went through that old routine, too. He said he had called in all his deputy chiefs and captains, and not one, he shouted, his voice rising to an agonizing pitch, favored a union!

Could a greater height of absurdity than citing those yes-men's "opinion" be reached? Those deputy chiefs and captains are pushed around, too. Did the man who pushes them around think they were going to defy his rage?—LB.

Milk Drivers Back Park Puppet Show

The only trace of the fact that Milk Drivers 302 are the sponsors of the puppet show now appearing three times daily at Fairyland, Lakeside Park, is the momentary appearance of one puppet, none other than Bill the Milkman who announces that his union is the sponsor.

As for the rest of the time, it's just one good puppet show after another, said Al Brown of the sponsoring union, telling the Central Labor Council about it this week.

DR. BOLIVER MOORE, candidate for Supervisor in the Fifth District, this week set up campaign headquarters at 1575 Seventh street.

AFLCIO ON KGO

The AFLCIO announces from Washington that the schedules Monday through Friday of Commentators Edward P. Morgan and John W. Vandercrook on KGO are: Morgan 6:45 p. m.; Vandercrook 10:05 p. m.

Public Employees Denounce Vernon's Police Union Ban

The second annual California conference of the American Federation of State, County, and Municipal Employees was held on St. Patrick's Day, March 17, in the Hotel Leamington.

The conference was called to order by Charles Hobbs, Chairman.

The roster of speakers appropriate to the day and the occasion were: Rev. Father John T. McCracken, Dan Flanagan, Colonel A. E. Garey, Jim McCormack, Dan Scannell and Dr. Ralph Slattery.

"Bob Ash was also present and, though not Irish, it was conceded he is good enough to be," said Joseph Falls, conference secretary.

Mayor Clifford Rishell gave the welcoming address. Homer Stevens made a capable Master of Ceremonies. City, county, and school officials were guests at the luncheon.

At the business session, resolutions were adopted supporting (1) a supplementation plan of Old Age and Survivors Insurance; (2) a State-financed plan for health and medical care for State employees; (3) an extension of sick leave benefits for State employees; (4) permissive State legislation for public employees to sign bargaining agreements with employing agencies.

A resolution was unanimously adopted which condemned Oakland Police Chief Vernon and the Oakland City Council for prohibiting members of the Oakland police force from joining a legitimate organization of their own choice.

The resolution condemning Oakland Police Chief Vernon's action said that the chief by denying policemen the right to belong to a legitimate organization puts these policemen "in the category of second rate citizens," and "this is a denial of the constitutional rights of individuals to have membership in a given organization."

Arrangements for the Conference were expertly handled by Mrs. Fred Venturi.

The 1957 Conference will be held in Fresno with N. T. Goolsby as chairman.

Council Respects Summers' Memory

When the Central Labor Council adjourned Monday, it did so after the delegates stood for a time with bowed heads in tribute to the memory of Stanley Summers, business representative, Roofers 81, who died suddenly Saturday.

When the motion to do so was made, Marilyn Anglin, Office Employees 29, called attention to the recent death of Charles Evans, Steel Workers, in the Midwest; and George Rice, Electricians 1245, said that in the death of Arthur A. Elder, head of the Ladies Garment Workers Training Institute in New York, labor had lost a good friend and valiant worker.

There was a large attendance of local labor people at the funeral of Stanley Summers Tuesday morning at Piedmont Memorial Chapel.

Surprised Council Gets Back \$343.75

Dr. Forrest Mitchell, Oakland assistant superintendent of schools, and president of the United Crusade, created a pleasant little sensation at this week's meeting of the Central Labor Council. Instead of coming before the delegates and asking financial assistance for something or other, he handed to CLC President John F. Quinn a check for \$343.75 from the Oakland Area Community Welfare Council.

The Central Labor Council had advanced \$500, as had the Alameda-Contra Costa County Medical Society, for publishing a directory of all welfare agencies. The check handed to President Quinn was the portion of the CLC's \$500 which was left over after the publishing of the directory.

CLC Secretary Robert S. Ash remarked that it was the first time in years that someone had showed up at a meeting to return part of money put out by the council in some good cause. Dr. Mitchell said that he immensely appreciated the assistance Charles Garoni, Linoleum Layers 1290, had given on the directory project.



BUSINESS REPRESENTATIVE J. L. CHILDERS of the Building Trades Council was among those who gathered in front of the U. S. Senate Office building shown above and checked schedules preparatory to calling on Senators to explain building tradesmen's legislative interests. Childers told the BTC Tuesday that he believed the visit with Congress was more effective than calling on Congressmen when they're back home.

2000 Building Men Had Good D. C. Reception, Says Childers

Building Trades Council Business Representative J. L. Childers told the BTC delegates Tuesday that the 2000 representatives of building trades workers from all over the country who held a legislative conference in Washington recently had a fine reception from both Republicans and Democrats.

There were 55 building trades representatives from California, more of these being from the Southern California than from this end of the State, he said.

Both California Senators and all the Representatives in the House were conferred with by groups into which the California delegation divided.

Republican Congressman John J. Allen Jr. assured the group visiting him that he favors the amendments to the Taft-Hartley Act in which the building tradesmen are especially interested, and also that he favors the insertion of the Davis-Bacon prevailing wage clause in Government contracts. Democratic Congress-

WORKERS URGED TO COLLECT REFUNDS

William Marshall, Carpenters 1473, called the BTC delegates' attention to the fact that many building tradesmen, working for different employers during the year, are paying as high as \$45 or \$50 disability insurance, when the law requires only \$30. He said forms could be obtained at the State Unemployment Department office, 14th and Oak, to get refunds.

More news of the BTC meeting held March 20 will appear in the next issue of East Bay Labor Journal.

man George P. Miller, whom Childers knows well personally, and who has always been strongly backed by labor, gave the visitors a warm reception.

U. S. Senator Kuchel, Republican, also assured the delegation that he favors some amendments to the Taft-Hartley Act.

At least a half hour was spent with every Representative, and in some cases as much as an hour. In general, Childers felt, the Republicans relied more on what they read in the papers and on what their leaders told them about bills, than did the Democrats with whom he talked. On the whole, he found the Republicans in Congress decidedly lacked information on the Taft-Hartley Act.

Childers took away from Washington the strong impression that it is more effective to talk to members of Congress in Washington, where their minds are directly on legislative matters, than it is to talk with them at home, where naturally their minds are on family matters and on building political fences.

The new general president of the State BTC, Byron P. Deavers, was with the group, and it is possible that Deavers may make arrangements to have some dozen or so building trades people make an additional trip to Washington on legislative matters during the year. If this is done, the men will be chosen so that all sections of the State would be represented.

Childers remarked in passing that it would be a good thing if the State BTC under the new

Roofers 81 Mourn Sudden Passing of Stanley Summers

Stanley A. Summers, business representative, Roofers 81, died March 17 while preparing to drive his car into the garage at his home, 351 Orange street, Oakland.

Summers and his wife had just returned from the grocery about 3 p.m. and he had helped her carry the groceries into the house. Then he went back into the driveway to move the car into the garage. He had just released the brake and turned on the switch when the fatal seizure came.

The car rolled down the drive and smashed into some furniture piled temporarily near the garage. After a little while Mrs. Summers, wondering why her husband did not return to the house, went out and discovered what had happened.

The fire department was notified, and a resuscitator was used, without effect. When Paramante hospital was reached, Summers was pronounced dead.

From the hospital Mrs. Summers telephoned to William Phalanger, financial secretary of the union for which Summers had been the business representative for 9 years.

Mrs. Summers was naturally so excited by the terrible experience that she was able to say just four words over the phone to Phalanger:

"Bill, Stanley is dead!" Phalanger hurried to the hospital, thinking of the years he and Summers had worked together, and how during those years they had drawn very close together. He told East Bay Labor Journal:

"Brother Summers was highly respected in the industry and by his fellow unionists. He had been some 20 years a member of our local, and it is going to seem strange indeed to many of us not to have Stanley Summers with us."

Summers would have been 56 years old this coming April 16. He and his wife, Lucille, were the parents of four daughters: Mrs. Shirley Williamson, living in Maryland, whose wedding was celebrated only a few weeks ago; Mrs. Barbara Ahern, who lives with her husband and child in Oakland; and Patricia and Carol, who are still attending school here.

The Rosary was said Monday evening at Piedmont Memorial Chapel, and the funeral services held Tuesday morning.

Marilyn Anglin's Farewell to CLC

"I wish to thank the Central Labor Council for the good education in trade unionism we have received during the years we have been delegates," said Marilyn Anglin, Office Employees 29, at the CLC meeting this week.

She had risen during the Reports of Union period and announced that she, Gladys Moore, and Madeline Borges, had now attended their last meeting as delegates, as Miss Anglin was defeated for reelection as secretary-treasurer of Local 29 recently.

Marilyn Anglin has been a delegate for 9 years, and Gladys Moore and Madeline Borges for 6 years.

CLC President John F. Quinn said he was sure he was expressing the sentiment of the entire council in saying that Miss Anglin and her associates had a wonderful record of faithful and attentive attendance.

LIQUOR WHOLESALERS claim that new rules proposed by the State Liquor Authority for determining what is a "bona fide wholesaler" would have the effect of turning "the entire market over to the monarchs of monopoly handling nationally advertised brands."

APRIL 12 DEADLINE TO REGISTER FOR VOTING IN THE JUNE PRIMARY

April 12 is the deadline for registering to vote in the June elections.

If you failed to vote in the last Statewide primary election, and if you also failed to vote in the general election, then you have to re-register.

In order to register, you have to have been in the State one year, in the county 90 days, and in the precinct 54 days.

County Clerk Jack Blue reminds you that you can register in any firehouse.



To All Members of East Bay Automotive Machinists 1546

You are herewith officially notified that Lodge 1546 meets in regular session on the first and third Tuesday of each month at the hour of 8:00 P.M. in the Labor Temple, 2315 Valdez Street, Oakland 12, California.

Meeting hall will be posted on the bulletin board in the lobby of said Temple and you are herewith officially requested to be in attendance.

Fraternally,
A. J. HAYES,
Recording Secretary

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The Thirty-Sixth California Pipe Trades convention will be held in San Jose April 27, 28 and 29. Registrations for delegates were opened March 1. Closing date for registrations will be March 22. First reading of registrations will be held March 15. The second reading of registrations and the election of delegates will be held at the special called meeting of April 5.

Our executive board has advised the business office to strictly enforce Section 24 of our by-laws. This section pertains to delinquent members. Be sure to check your dues book regularly and avoid enforcement of this section.

Yours fraternally,
JAMES MARTIN,
Fin. Sec'y, Bus. Mgr.

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Cy Stulting, Teamsters 70, Hightower had to leave the meeting early, but Stulting shook hands cordially with Holmdahl at the end of the meeting.

THE ONE BAD VOTE

Holmdahl had outlined in his talk many matters coming before the City Council in which he had championed labor's cause, and said that while labor might consider the vote on the police union a bad vote, these other votes and actions which labor would undoubtedly consider good should be weighed. Marilyn Anglin, Office Employees 29, and Jack Kopke, Paint Makers 1101, said that in their opinion these good votes were outweighed by the one bad vote.

The motion to thank Holmdahl for coming and discussing his vote with the council was made by George Rice, Electricians 1245, and strongly supported in speeches by Joe W. Chaudet, Typographical 36; William Sunday, Bartenders 52; and Fred Venturi, School Employees 257.

Rice said that although Holmdahl himself had a record as a union man, he did not, as some other City Councilmen did, boast in any way about his union record, but at the City Council meeting stated his reason for voting as he did in a straightforward way.

LEGAL NOTICE.

OFFICE OF THE TAX COLLECTOR OF THE COUNTY OF ALAMEDA

NOTICE OF AGREEMENT FOR THE PURCHASE AND SALE OF REAL PROPERTY DECEDED TO THE STATE FOR DELINQUENT TAXES.

Notice is hereby given by the undersigned Tax Collector of the County of Alameda, State of California, in accordance with the provisions of Division 1, Part 6, Chapter 8, Sections 3797, 3798 and 3799 of the Revenue and Taxation Code and the written authorization and direction of the State Controller, dated March 9, 1956, as follows:

That the East Bay Municipal Utility District, a public corporation, has entered into an agreement with the Board of Supervisors of Alameda County, State of California, subject to approval by the State Controller, for the purchase of certain tax-debted property described in said agreement, and:

That the State Controller has approved said agreement and a copy is on file in the office of the Board of Supervisors;

That pursuant to said agreement the undersigned Tax Collector will, not less than 21 days after the first publication or the mailing to the last assessor at his last known address of a copy of this notice, whichever is later, deed said property to the East Bay Municipal Utility District, a public corporation;

That unless the property is redeemed or an installment plan of redemption is initiated before it is sold, the right of redemption will cease.

The real property referred to and contained in said agreement is situated in the City of Oakland, County of Alameda, State of California and is substantially described as follows:

Deed No. 19540. In City of Oakland, Broadmoor Terrace, Lot 142, Block 5654. Last assessed to Edw. E. and Susan J. Allen. Minimum price \$351.00.

For information as to the amount necessary to redeem or to pay the delinquent taxes in installments, apply to Eugene V. Waring, Redemption Officer of said County of Alameda, State of California, at the Court House in Oakland.

EDWIN MEESE, JR., Tax Collector of the County of Alameda, State of California.

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Labor People on Kefauver's Ticket

Following is the list of labor people on the Estes Kefauver proposed delegates to the Democratic convention which goes on the ballot June 5. The Adlai Stevenson list was published previously by East Bay Labor Journal. The Kefauver list:

George Washington Ballard, legislative representative, R. R. Bro., San Francisco; Langdon Ward Post, labor press executive, San Francisco; Samuel Everett Bennett, Secretary, Marine Firemen Union-CIO, San Francisco; Manuel Dias, President, California CIO Council, Oakland; Henry Bartosh, West Coast Representative, International Bakers Union-AFL, Sacramento; Herbert W. Howell, Business Representative, Teamsters Union, Marysville; Kenneth Arthur Young, President, Western Conference of Specialty Unions, San Francisco;

James P. McLoughlin, Secretary, Retail Clerks Union, San Jose; Charles W. Clough, Labor Press Executive, Fresno; James H. Pollard, President Central Labor Council, Vallejo; Joseph Colnar, Railroad Brotherhood, Official, Roseville; Marvin Adair, Business Representative, Lumber & Sawmill Workers, AFL, Shasta.

Milton S. Mason, National Vice-President of the Brotherhood of Railway Signalmen, Monterey Park; Jack R. McCormick, President, Central Labor Council, Santa Rosa; Carl C. Guioit, Publisher "California Democrat", Eureka.

John L. Donovan, Los Angeles, Printing Pressman's Union, Western area; Joseph T. DeSilva, Executive Secretary, Retail Clerks Union Local 770, Los Angeles; Henry E. Clemens, Labor Representative, Huntington Park; Betty B. Johnson, Local Secretary, Retail Clerks Union, Santa Barbara; John R. Noblet, Assistant Secretary-Treasurer Greater Los Angeles CIO Council, Los Angeles;

James E. Howe, Railroad Brotherhood, Los Angeles; Kenneth P. Sharp, Aircraft International Assn. of Machinists, Pacoima; John Snider, President, Lockheed Lodge 727 IAM, Tazana; John W. Krause, State Secretary - Treasurer Brotherhood of Railway Clerks, (AFL), Los Angeles; William Loyd Leiby, President Laborer's Union (AFL), Whittier.

TENTH ANNUAL convention call of the Communications Workers has been issued. Opening June 11, sessions will be held in the Cleveland, Ohio, public auditorium with about 2,500 delegates in attendance. CWA's 735 locals have about 300,000 members located in 46 states, the District of Columbia, three Canadian provinces and Hawaii.

UNION LABEL & Service Trades Council of Greater New York is looking for the prettiest union member in New York. It wants her to reign as Miss Union Maid for 1956, portraying the city's ideal feminine union member. The only stipulation is that she be a member of an AFL-CIO union in good standing.

President of Teachers Praises Pitts' Speech

Ben Rust, president, California State Federation of Teachers, has sent a letter to all Central Labor Councils in the State, calling attention to an address President Thomas L. Pitts of the State Federation of Labor gave at the annual convention of the State Federation of Teachers.

"It is one of the best speeches on teachers and education problems we have ever heard," says Rust.

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2000 Building Men Had Good D. C. Reception, Says Childers

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HOLMDAHL SPEAKS
Oakland City Councilman John Holmdahl made a request to address the council. There was some preliminary discussion of this request by Joseph Hightower, Carpenters 36, and by Charles Garoni, Linoleum Layers 1290, and E. H. Mulgrew, Teamsters 70.

Garoni and Mulgrew declared that Holmdahl should be given courteous attention throughout, with no heckling, no controversy. The delegates accepted their attitude and Holmdahl was treated as a welcome guest of the council, and given a round of applause when he finished speaking. BTC President J. S. Miller thanked him for speaking.

Holmdahl discussed, as he had the night before at a meeting of the Central Labor Council, his vote against approval of a labor union in the Oakland police department. He said that he realized labor people might think this a bad vote, but said his own feeling was that there must be strict discipline from the top down in the police department, and that his own experience in the armed forces led him to believe that this was necessary in the operations of the police force.

Holmdahl cited other votes he had cast in the City Council which he felt were on labor's side, such as the motel on the lake, tax rate, Key System matters, stopping closed meetings of the City Council, and other issues. He pointed out that such votes cast by him, or initiatives taken by him, either got no publicity in the Tribune, or adverse publicity.

Holmdahl concluded by suggesting that it would be advisable for more labor people regularly to attend meetings of the Oakland City Council, to observe what is done there, and to get a more complete understanding of the many issues affecting either labor directly or labor people as citizens which come up there.

GARONI COMMENTS
After Holmdahl had gone, Charles Garoni, Linoleum Layers 1290, told the delegates of

the 6-month effort members of the police department had made to get their union organized, how a large group had signed before Police Chief Vernon issued his ukase, and how even after that, some more of them signed.

All this, he said, without any high pressure organizing from the outside; the men felt they had no way of getting a hearing on grievances, and that they needed a union. But the Tribune blasted the idea, and the City Hall stooges played dead, was Garoni's concise comment.

He pointed out that at the meeting of the City Council Thursday of last week the City of a Clerk announced some 18 or 20 letters had been received favoring the police union, and 10 or so opposing. Why was it, then, he asked, that the only letter which was read out to the City Council, was the opposing one, the Rotary Club sent in, arriving 5 minutes after the meeting had begun, with a clipping of a Tribune editorial attached to it. If one letter was read aloud, why not all?

Garoni emphasized the dangers to labor organizations implicit in City Attorney John Collier's ruling that if a city administrator in any department decided to ban a labor union in that department, there was nothing the City Council could do about it. This ruling should be examined most carefully by labor attorneys, said Garoni.

CHINESE FAMILY records cannot be produced in court under subpoena, Federal Judge Carter ruled Tuesday in the case involving "peonized" workers allegedly smuggled into the U. S.

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Pollard Publishes New AFLCIO Rules For CLC Received

William E. Pollard, general chairman, Dining Car Cooks & Waiters 456, runs a column in the Los Angeles Sentinel headed "Labor's Side."

In that column recently Pollard republished a letter which a Mrs. M. Reese had sent to East Bay Labor Journal, and which was originally published in the Opinions column of this paper. Pollard quoted East Bay Labor Journal's remark that Mrs. Reese's letter "casts a vivid light on the attitude of mind which caused the riots at the University of Alabama."

After Pollard had republished Mrs. Reese's letter, he received a letter from Mrs. Pauline Thornton of Pacoima which vigorously answered Mrs. Reese's criticism of Negroes. In the course of her letter Mrs. Thornton said:

"I too am a white woman—although first of all an American—who dislikes to see her country, and the democracy for which it stands, made the laughing stock of the whole world. How can we, without exposing ourselves to ridicule hold our heads high and rally to the cause of captive Europe, when, in our own land, we allow a band of men to don their wives' bed sheets and ride through the streets at night solely for the purpose of instilling terror into the hearts of fellow-Americans?"

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Peter D. Kristich, Department official in Oakland, introduced George Croda to the Central Labor Council as the man assigned to act as liaison between the department and the labor unions. Croda is already well known to many labor people.

Croda said he was very happy that the department now gives official recognition that it was clear that Haggerty and State Federation Council Charles P. Scully had done an excellent job of presenting the viewpoint of Pacific Coast central bodies to the AFLCIO executive body.

There are some variations in the new rules from procedures followed here in the past, said Ash, reviewing them one by one for the delegates, but obedience to them will not cause any serious complications.

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Duesbooks Asked Of Watchmakers

By GEORGE F. ALLEN

ATTENTION ALL MEMBERS: In order to assist the office with their records, we are requesting that all members send their duesbook with their remittance when mailing same to the office. Members are also requested to submit their duesbook when paying dues at the union meetings.

KAISER FOUNDATION HEALTH PLAN OPENS NEW MEDICAL OFFICES IN HAYWARD. Members covered under this plan living in the southern portion of Alameda County will now have medical services closer to their homes.

The new offices are at 1079 "B" Street, at the corner of Foothill Blvd., on the second floor of the Broadway Building Professional Center.

There are four doctors working full time in these offices—two are in general medicine, one in pediatrics and one in obstetrics and gynecology. X-ray, laboratory and pharmacy services are also available. Space has been provided for a staff of ten doctors in these offices and the staff will be expanded as needed.

The office hours are from 9:00 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. every day except Thursday and Saturday. On Thursday the hours are from 12:30 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. and on Saturday from 9:00 a.m. to 12 noon.

The offices are closed on Sunday and Saturday afternoon, except in emergencies, visits are by appointment.

The telephone number for appointment and emergency calls during and after office hours is Jefferson 7-5720.

CONGRATULATIONS ARE IN ORDER FOR BROTHER DONALD MARKER AND MRS. MARKER. Bro. Marker telephoned the office to inform us that they have a new baby girl in their family. Sherrie Lee Marker was born on March 4th and weighed six pounds. With the arrival of Baby Sherrie, Bro. Marker can now boast a fine family of three girls and one boy.

A perfect set-up for retirement says Bro. Marker who owns and operates his own jewelry store. A watchmaker and three sales ladies to some day make it possible for pa to sit back in that ole rocking chair.

The dream of every business man—oh well—keep dreaming Bro. Marker—we will say you have the perfect start to make it possible.

In the meantime—the best to you, Mrs. Marker and that new baby, from all of us.

EASTER SUNRISE service from the hilltop at Mountain View Cemetery will be held this year on April 1st, Robert A. Leet, chairman of the committee, announced recently.

Theatre B-82 Has New Pact on Hand

By JOE CONNELLY

The new contract has been agreed to, as reported at the night meeting of March 15th, at which time we announced the increased wage scales as they would effect each house and each category of employee in the house.

Copies of the agreements arrived as this is being written and we are attempting to get them signed and into effect as soon as possible.

Fox West Coast and Golden State Theaters are putting the increase into effect as fast as they can expedite matters, with the others slated to go along right behind them.

As there is a great deal of retroactive pay to be computed, it will take at least several weeks and probably more before you receive your retroactive check.

If you worked anytime in a theater after March 1, 1955 you are eligible for retroactive pay, even if not currently employed.

This has been the longest negotiation in the nineteen year history of the union and a great deal of credit is due the employee's committee who fought so tenaciously for your interests. We have named them in previous columns.

Up and down the aisle . . . Brother Harry Gensler, still off the door at the Paramount due to injuries, but able to be up and around again. Jimmy Thomas who holds a service card and is stationed in the vicinity has been able to fill in the gap caused by Harry's absence.

Carl Hoglund of the Fox-Oakland sporting a newly acquired car . . . The Roller Derby, rolling into Oakland for a three week run, giving some work to members in the outdoor field.

Former office dispatcher Ann Blalock, coming all the way from Livermore to work the 2nd Annual Alameda County Theatrical Federation Dinner Dance and the United Irish Societies Dance. Joe Cassell, formerly of Sands ball room on the door for the former, while ex-Fox-Oaklandite. Ronnie Lightfoot handled the latter.

4-Year State College Is Advised for County

"A preponderance of evidence" supporting the need for establishment of four-year state colleges in southern Alameda County and in the Solano-Napa County area was cited in a progress report submitted to the State Assembly by a subcommittee on state colleges. Assemblyman Carlos Bee is vice chairman of the group.

Tell 'em you saw it in the East Bay Labor Journal!

Painters 127 Experiment Described

By HUGHIE RUTLEDGE

A great experiment failed or succeeded which ever way one cares to look at it. Several of the popular brothers suggested that I discontinue these notes for a short time to ascertain if it would have the effect of increasing members at the meetings. It was their thinking that the information usually found in the column such as sick brothers, state of the trade, personal items etc. would be missed enough to cause the brothers to come to the meeting and get the dope. This failed miserably as at the last meeting of the local we had the smallest attendance in a good many years. Perhaps the brothers now realize that meetings of this local, like all other locals and fraternal organizations are out the window like the horse and buggies. You just can not make it interesting enough to get a corporal's guard to the meeting and we might as well pass on to other matters and forget it.

During the past several months we have had excellent articles from Brother Rasmick of Local No. 40 Congratulations Ben and keep them going. Negotiations getting steamed up on the new agreement with all kinds of proposals coming from the various locals. This is certainly a healthy situation as it shows that the brothers are taking an interest in their working conditions. The representatives are meeting weekly at present which probably will change to every day after we really get under way with the employers. The first meeting is scheduled for April 24th to exchange proposals with the real McCoy to start on May 1st. At our meeting of May 10, we will have the dope on what the employer wants in the new agreement and a discussion will be held.

Work going along nicely with practically all the brothers back on the job. As of today Tuesday when these notes are written, we have no one loafing in the office.

Better check your due book and see if you have the first quarters dues paid yet. In looking over the records we find a few of the brothers who have overlooked this important matter.

The District Council Picnic will probably be held this year at Marsh Creek in Contra Costa County sometime in June. More on this later.

A letter received in the council from General President Rafferty instructing the council to change over to the council form of paying and coordinating the activities of the business representatives. All officers, executive board members and trustees of the house painters locals are meeting this Wednesday, March 21st, to set up a plan to present to the membership for ratification on a referendum. Don't be too surprised if this action is taken very, very, soon. Watch for the date of a special called meeting of our local to vote on this proposal.

See you next week in this column.

As the local will have met on Thursday, March 22nd the next meeting will be April 12th.

Auto Workers Win Take Our Thanks, Campaign Rights T-H, for the Help

DETROIT (AFLCIO) — A politically inspired effort to punish the Auto Workers through criminal charges for activities during the 1954 primary and general elections has blown up here.

U. S. District Judge Frank A. Picard threw out of court an indictment charging the UAW with violation of a Taft-Hartley amendment to the Corrupt Practices Laws.

He dismissed the indictment on the ground that expenditure of union funds for television programs on which candidates for political office appeared was not forbidden.

His opinion strongly suggested that had he not felt himself bound by an earlier Supreme Court decision, he might have ruled the pertinent section of the laws unconstitutional as an illegal interference with free speech.

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And look what happened: The NLRB conducted more than 45,000 such elections, and in 91 percent of them the union shop won!—Bakery & Confectionery Workers Journal.

WESTINGHOUSE STRIKE, longest big strike in 20 years, ended March 20 on the 156th day.

Steamfitters Get Convention Notice

By JIM MARTIN

The convention call for the United Association's twenty-seventh national convention has been received and it will convene Monday, August 13, 1956 in the Municipal Auditorium in Kansas City, Missouri.

Announcement was made at our last regular meeting, held on March 15, that registrations for this convention will be opened May 3, first reading of registrations will be held May 17 and closing of registrations will be May 24. The second reading of registrations and election of delegates will be held at the special called meeting Sunday, June 3.

We would like to call to the attention of the membership Section 48 of the United Association constitution, "no member shall be eligible as a delegate or alternate unless he shall have been a member of the United Association for at least one year and a member in good standing of the local union which he is to represent for at least six months."

Representation to the convention is based on those members of the local union in good standing as of May 30, 1956. The local union is entitled to one delegate for the first 20 members and one delegate for each hundred members thereafter, therefore, it is very important that all members of Local No. 342 have their dues paid up to date so that Local No. 342 can send full representation to our national convention.

Speaking of conventions, the election of this union's delegates to the thirty-sixth California Pipe Trades convention will be held at our next special called meeting April 5. This convention is very important also. We are respectfully requesting that you make every effort to come to this special called meeting and vote.

The executive board has instructed the business office to strictly enforce Section 24 of this union's by-laws, which reads as follows: "Any member owing over three (3) months dues shall stand suspended from all benefits and privileges of this local union. It shall be mandatory for the business agent to remove any delinquent member from his job. The list of suspended members shall be read at each meeting. Any suspended member must appear before the executive board and make satisfactory monetary plans before being allowed to return to work, furthermore, he shall not be entitled to all rights and privileges until three (3) months after his reinstatement. All national and local assessments, disciplinary assessments and loans are payable before dues." You can cooperate in this matter by checking your dues book and keeping it up to date.

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Watkins, Realty Man, Is Money Sought to Press GOP Opponent of Miller Campaign for Schools

Robert Watkins, head of a realty and investment firm with offices in Oakland, San Leandro, and Hayward, a Republican, has announced his candidacy for Congress from the 8th District.

Watkins says he will file on both tickets to oppose the incumbent, Congressman George P. Miller, Democrat.

K. B. Morrish, Oakland banker, will head the finance committee for the forthcoming school bond issue.

Morrish has asked industrial and business firms to contribute to a fund for promoting the school bonds.

J. L. Childers, business representative of the Building Trades Council, is a member of the Citizens Committee backing the bonds.

Pin Rail

Stage Union 107

By WILLIAM PELKEY

Too busy at the trade this week to make a report, but will do so next week.

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YORTY RAPPED

Editor, Labor Journal:

On March 5, Mr. Sam Yorty speaking before the Central Labor Council of Alameda County said that the Peoples World was bragging about the influence it had in the Democratic Party and in the formulation of the program adopted at the Fresno Convention of Democratic Clubs on February 5, 1956. His opponent (Richard Richards) he said had adopted that program. Mr. Yorty was so contemptuous of the intelligence of the delegates he apparently thought that this shabby reasoning would suffice in lieu of his own inability to present a positive program.

I have examined the eight-teen issues of the Peoples World from Feb. 5 until March 5 and nowhere did I find any such bragging as he claimed. Mr. Yorty lied. Liars don't make good representatives.

Fraternaly,

ROBERT H. ROSE
Carpenters 36

COMMITTEES

"If you want to kill any idea in the world today, get a committee working on it."—C. F. Kettering.

GOOD OLD DAYS

"The illusion that times that were better than those that are has probably pervaded all ages."—Horace Greeley.

ALL WILLING

"The world is full of willing people; some willing to work, the rest willing to let them."—Robert Frost.

ADLAI

I don't intend to take positions in this campaign which would reduce my effectiveness as President.—Adlai E. Stevenson.

PEACE BY PACT

Industrial peace can be guaranteed only by a union contract.—T. F. Neblett, executive director, Los Angeles Hotel-Restaurant Employers Council.

HOW ABOUT YOU?

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EDITORIALS

Don't Be Fooled by 'No New Taxes' Says Assemblyman Bee

East Bay Labor Journal has long been pounding on a subject that we feel the labor movement in general in this State has neglected too much. Yes, we mean once more, for the umpteenth time: Taxation!

Organized labor in this State should be taking the lead in getting before the public the need for reform in our California taxation system—more taxation of those that have the most money, and less taxation of those who have the least money.

In short, stop this business of making the sales tax and consumer taxes of all sorts, carry altogether too large a proportion of the load.

If organized labor doesn't get a move on this issue is going to be inundating us, and we won't even have a bathing suit in which to face the flood. Just now, we keep hearing the sigh of relief, "No new taxes will be needed." But as Assemblyman Carlos Bee of Alameda county points out in a recent letter to constituents:

"Let's not be deceived by the 'no new taxes'—the day of reckoning is not far off when we must realistically broaden the tax base to keep the same level of service to the additional 40,000 persons per year still coming to California."

Out of that 40,000 per year a small handful will be rich, and will learn—or will have learned in advance—that it is the poorer people among those 40,000 who will be expected to pay in consumer taxes of all sorts an undue proportion of the money needed to keep State services up to the present level. It is to be hoped that those among the 40,000 who will be expected to pony up more than their share of the cost will have a little more gumption than some of us who have long dwelt here have been manifesting.

If we are facing the need for "realistically broadening the tax base," let's broaden it a little at the top!

Why Delay Merger In California?

Arrangements are now virtually completed for achieving the merger of AFL and CIO in Colorado on the State level by May 26.

The original plan had been to achieve the merger on the State level in California by the time of the August 12-17 convention of the State Federation of Labor. That would be about three months after the merger is supposed to be accomplished in Colorado.

But Jack Howard, labor reporter for the Chronicle, said in the March 2 issue of that paper that Dave Beck, head of the Teamsters, had written to all locals of that union advising:

"Let us all take full advantage of the two-year provision that the merger committee recommended."

The Chronicle man reported further: "C. J. Haggerty, secretary-treasurer of the State Federation of Labor, said the Teamster action may delay plans to merge the federation with its CIO counterpart this summer... A number of local labor officials declared... that Beck's letter made it doubtful that the State merger could be accomplished at the August 12-17 convention of the federation... Jack Goldberger, head of a Teamster local and the president of the San Francisco Labor Council, said a careful study will be made of any proposals for merger at the city and State level."

Beck's letter went to Teamster locals in Colorado, since he announced in the International Teamster that he was sending the letter out to all the locals. Yet here we have the AFLCIO official news service going ahead and announcing the May 27 merger plans on the State level in Colorado.

Is there any reason why Beck's letter should delay the merger in California any more than in Colorado?

Incidentally, when Beck in his letter refers to "the two-year provision that the merger committee recommended," of course he meant that a two-year outside limit. For it is well known that AFLCIO President George Meany wants to see all State mergers achieved as soon as possible.

THE BEST Is Better Than THE MOST

The March 10 issue of the AFLCIO News quotes Hugh R. Jones, president of the Family Service Association of America, as remarking that "the higher the national income goes, the more families ask for counseling and assistance with personal problems from the 265 family service agencies affiliated with the association."

The realization of material wants, Jones points out, is never the full answer to the problems of human relations.

Both in the business world and the labor world we have paid a heavy spiritual price for our economic success in the United States. Business men have been all too prone to think that anything which brought in the money in ever increasing volume was not only permissible but admirable. Nor have union members and their leaders been immune from this dangerously mistaken attitude.

In language admittedly of a somewhat six-bit type Lewis Mumford has proclaimed that throughout the entire West European civilization of which the Americas are a part, our aim should be "the reduction of the maximum possible to the optimum assimilable." In other words, a man should eat no more than he can digest, and if he fails to do this he will suffer.

It is well to weigh carefully the meaning of the two words used by Mumford: maximum and optimum. Maximum means THE MOST; optimum means THE BEST.

Nothing is gained, however, if we assume that THE BEST should be interpreted as meaning the most expensive; that just gets us back to that crass, materialistic THE MOST.

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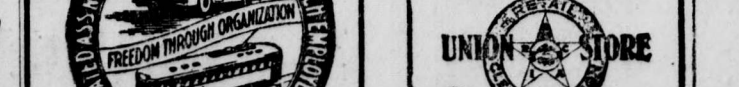
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2 AFLCIO and One Independent Union Have a Donnybrook

The AFLCIO International Brotherhood of Electrical Workers Local 51 won a three-cornered representation election at the Westinghouse plant in Sunnyvale last week. George Maus, acting president of the local, said that negotiations were beginning to end the strike which has tied up the plant for over 4 months.

The strike at the Sunnyvale plant was launched by the independent United Electrical Workers, which was some years ago expelled from the old CIO for alleged Communist leadership. The representation election ballots had not only the victorious IBEW, and the independent union, but also the AFLCIO International Union of Electrical Workers on the ballot.

The IBEW, formerly an AFL union, won with 265 votes; the independent union got 161 votes; and the International Union of Electrical Workers, formerly a CIO union, 51 votes.

In most of the plants throughout the country where the big strike has been going on for months it is the IUEW, which came into the AFLCIO merger from the CIO, which holds the jurisdiction.

The Oakland Tribune in its March 17 issue mistakenly reported that it was the IUEW which held the jurisdiction at Sunnyvale; but actually it was the independent UEW which held it, the one expelled from the old CIO.

Since the Trib's mistake was made on St. Patrick's Day, labor men assume the Trib man thought he was reporting a Donnybrook Fair, where traditionally a good time was had by all, but everyone got a broken head.

Colony Furniture Co. Picketing Progresses

The picket line at the plant of the Colony Furniture Company, 836 - 81st Avenue, is proving steadily more effective. Central Labor Council Assistant Secretary Richard Groulx reported this week. Furniture Workers 3141 placed the pickets.

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Carpenters Health Fund Announces New Plan Benefits

The Carpenters Health and Welfare Trust Fund for California announced today the new certificates of insurance, outlining substantial additional benefits, are now being sent to all local unions. These certificates will outline to those carpenters who are now eligible and who were eligible prior to September 1, 1955, under the old benefit structure, the many improvements made in the Plan.

Additional certificates which provide for doubling the life insurance and adding life insurance coverage for wives and dependents, will be distributed as soon as they have been cleared for release.

All carpenters are urged to bring their old certificates to the local union office and receive their new certificates in exchange. Carpenters who acquired eligibility on or after September 1, 1955 will receive certificates directly from the Fund Office.

Among the substantial new benefits listed are:

- 1) New additional accident benefits of up to \$300.00.
- 2) A change from 21 days to 70 days of full hospital coverage in a 3-or-more bed ward.
- 3) Full drug and oxygen benefits during hospitalization.
- 4) Increased anesthesia benefits.
- 5) A \$4.00 per day medical indemnity for hospitalized non-surgical cases.
- 6) New benefits for deep X-ray and radium therapy.

S. F. Cooks 44 Endorse Richards for Senator

San Francisco Cooks Local 44 has unanimously endorsed State Senator Richard Richards for the Democratic nomination for U. S. Senator, Secretary William Kilpatrick announces.

"Senator Richards is the only candidate for the office who has declared himself forthrightly on issues affecting labor," Kilpatrick said.

CIO CARMEN'S UNION on Municipal Railway in San Francisco has withdrawn its plan to strike April 2 for a 5-day week, it announced Tuesday.

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ELECT
Floyd M. Attaway
Hayward City Council
A Qualified Labor Representative
ELECTION: TUES., APRIL 10

Financial Aid For Optic Union Asked

Delegate Hill of Optical Technicians 18791, on strike and under lockout for 8 weeks, told the Central Labor Council that the union is beginning to need financial assistance in its struggle.

Leaflets were handed to all delegates reminding them that the following East Bay firms have signed contracts with the union: Dr. E. W. Laine; Permanent Optical Laboratories; Dr. M. M. Brenesell; Dr. Samuel J. Mann; Dr. Thomas Peters & Associates.

Leaflets were also circulated by the union pointing out that "the dispensing opticians will not grant their technicians any pension plan because they claim a ten-cent an hour plan is too costly," yet, according to the leaflet, the actual cost of glasses selling for \$26.50 is only \$7.98.

UAW Asks Citizens Two to Be Chosen To Get Registered For Pension Study

The United Auto Workers' Citizenship Council, 7208 East 14th street, Oakland, has put out handsome posters done in red, white, and blue, advising all who see the posters to: "Be a Good American! Register and Vote."

Warning that the last day to register for the primary election is Thursday, April 12, is included, and voters are reminded, too, that "all firemen in Alameda, San Mateo, and Santa Clara counties, except those in the city of Alameda, are equipped to register voters from 9 a.m. to 9 p.m. seven days each week. All firemen have been deputized by the County Clerks to register voters."

The week-long conference will be held at the Casas Munras Motel in Monterey April 15-20.

C. J. Haggerty, executive secretary, State Federation of Labor, announces that Martin E. Segal, national pension expert, will be the featured lecturer.

The State Federation and the UC Institute of Industrial Relations jointly sponsor the conference.

Tell 'em you saw it in the East Bay Labor Journal!



Meet the Jewett's who set up housekeeping in Eureka in 1936

20 YEARS AGO—when Fred and Mary Jewett were married, they had just 7 appliances: range, waffle iron, water heater, iron, toaster, radio, clock.

TODAY—their inviting home has 25 appliances, including: range, refrigerator, washer and dryer, toaster, coffee maker, waffle iron, 2 clothes irons, corn popper, mixer, vacuum cleaner, vacuum broom, television, radio-phonograph, 2 radios, 3 clocks, infra-red lamp, sewing machine, power saw, water heater and furnace.



Today they buy \$22 worth of gas and electricity for \$13

...for the average unit price is far less today than it was in 1936

Surprised at all the appliances the Jewett's have bought since they were married? Then count up all the appliances you've added through the years... and chances are you'll find your own story is pretty much the same. In fact, if you're like the average California family, you're using three times as much gas and electricity today as twenty years ago. Naturally, all this extra gas and electricity is bound to increase your bill. But it's far lower than it would have been twenty years

back. That's because P. G. and E. now charges far less per unit, on the average, than it did in 1936. Take the Jewett's: a month or so ago their bill came to only \$13.23. Twenty years ago the same amount of gas and electricity would have cost them \$22.35! You're probably making similar savings yourself. Can you think of anything else in your budget that actually costs you far less today than it did twenty years ago? No wonder we say...

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Our good neighbor policy

A responsible union learns early in life that it cannot stand alone. It shares mutual problems, mutual concerns, mutual ambitions with you — with all of its neighbors.

Our first job — the reason we organized our union — is to improve the welfare of our members. But you can't get very far into that job without realizing that your welfare — the welfare of our neighbors — is involved, too.

Like us, you are concerned about good schools and decent homes, fair, efficient government, good streets and useful community services, with security against illness, unemployment, old age. All these involve you as well as us.

What it finally comes down to is that what is good for our community and our nation — what, in short, is good for our neighbors — is good for us, too.

That's our "good neighbor" policy — the recognition that we share with you common responsibilities and common aspirations. What we strive to do through our union, we firmly believe, serves this mutual good.

And all of us — you as well as we — share in the benefits when they become realities in our lives and in our communities.

Your good neighbors—
700 drivers—
dairy employees, men
and women; 400
specialty food workers
who process and deliver
your milk and other
dairy products

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● In 1955, we spent...
RUNNING OUR UNION . . . \$71,523.61
To maintain offices, pay our officers and staff, meet other expenses of negotiating contracts and administering our union's affairs.
FOR WELFARE . . . \$34,952.27
We paid \$16,918.26 in sick benefits, \$15,838 in death benefits. We contributed \$2,196.01 to membership and community welfare projects.
PAYMENTS TO AFFILIATES . . . \$25,216.06
Payments to our International and other labor bodies represent our part in regional and national labor activities.
TOTAL EXPENSES . . . \$131,987.94.

● In 1955, we received...
FROM OUR MEMBERS . . . \$140,419.78
Our activities are financed by membership dues, initiation fees and assessments — just as the members themselves decide what those activities will be.
RETURNS ON SAVINGS . . . \$4,705.61
Interest and dividends on investments of union funds.
TOTAL RECEIPTS . . . \$145,125.39

● Summary
We received in 1955 . . . \$145,125.39
We spent in 1955 . . . 131,987.94
We added to savings . . . \$ 13,137.45
Balance, Jan. 1, 1955 . . . 144,771.30
Balance, Dec. 31, 1955 . . . \$157,908.75
Cash on deposit and on hand . . . \$38,888.05
U.S. Govt. Bonds (cost) . . . 46,180.00
Municipal Bonds (cost) . . . 21,514.72
National Securities (cost) . . . 17,908.15
Value Line Securities (cost) . . . 20,692.68
Credit Union shares . . . 12,725.15

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